

17th November 2023

Upton Primary Newsletter

Upton upon Severn CofE Primary, Nursery and Riverboats SureStart Children's Centre, working together to support the local community



Our School Vision is to offer inspiration to young lives 'Anything is possible, we can all succeed'

Providing enriching experiences to foster aspiration 'To inspire ... To aspire'

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Philippians 4:13)

BIBLE QUOTE

[Luke 6:38](#) - Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.

CHILDREN IN NEED



To celebrate Children in Need, all this week the children (and staff) have been doing BEARPEEs. The children did a total of 29,685 BEARPEEs with Year 5 doing the most of 10,536 and the staff did a total of 2,692 BEARPEEs.

To date we have raised a total of £450.50 and would like to thank those who have donated so far. The online donation link on the Teachers2Parents SchoolMoney will stay open until Wednesday 22nd

November should you wish to make a donation. This can be anything from 1p to £10.00 (see Newsletter of 10th November for details on how to donate).

We had some special visitors in school today. Pudsey, Nina das Gupta and Sophie Millward from BBC Hereford and Worcester and Rebecca Wood and Simon Monk from Midlands Today. They interviewed our School Council and Sports Council with Woody, Annie-Rose, Ellie and John being selected to be interviewed for the today's live Midlands Today show. If you would like to see this, it can be found on the BBC iPlayer via the following link (around 5 mins in):

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m001sj0b>. This is available to watch for the next 24 hours.

The BBC Hereford and Worcester radio show has also been recorded and a link will be sent out early next week when we receive this.









During their forest school session this morning, Reception made a Pudsey out of items they could find in the forest school area.



PLAYGROUND SAFETY

To keep the children safe and to help us secure the school site, on collection at the end of the school day, please can you vacate the playground thereafter. Unfortunately, we cannot offer the field, playground or Trim Trail outside of school hours for recreational use.

GIRLS FOOTBALL



On Friday 10th November Miss Lacon took some Year 3 and 4 girls to play football at Dyson Perrins in the first under 9 Girls football competition. They were so excited and represented the school brilliantly. They won 2, drew 1 and lost 1 to come 2nd in their group and 4th overall out of 9. They did extremely well and have found a new love for football.

We might need to have a girls football club in the Spring! Thank you parents for your support too.

YEAR 3 - BFG DREAM JARS

Class 3 are reading Roald Dahl's *The BFG* and have been using descriptive writing to write about their dreams this week. On Friday, the children each made a dream jar, capturing what the dream they wrote about looks like. They each filled the jar with a variety of materials and each child could explain what their jar contained and why. Good fun to make!

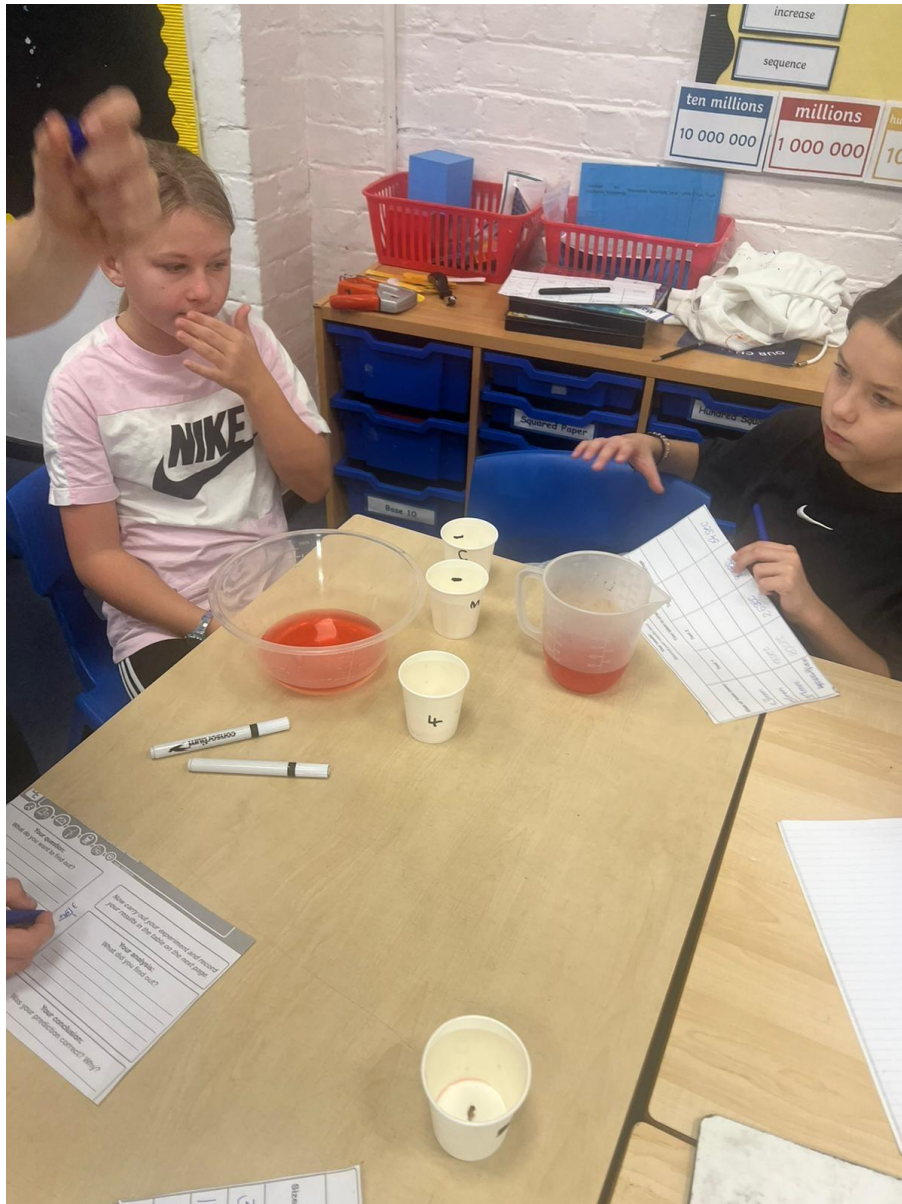


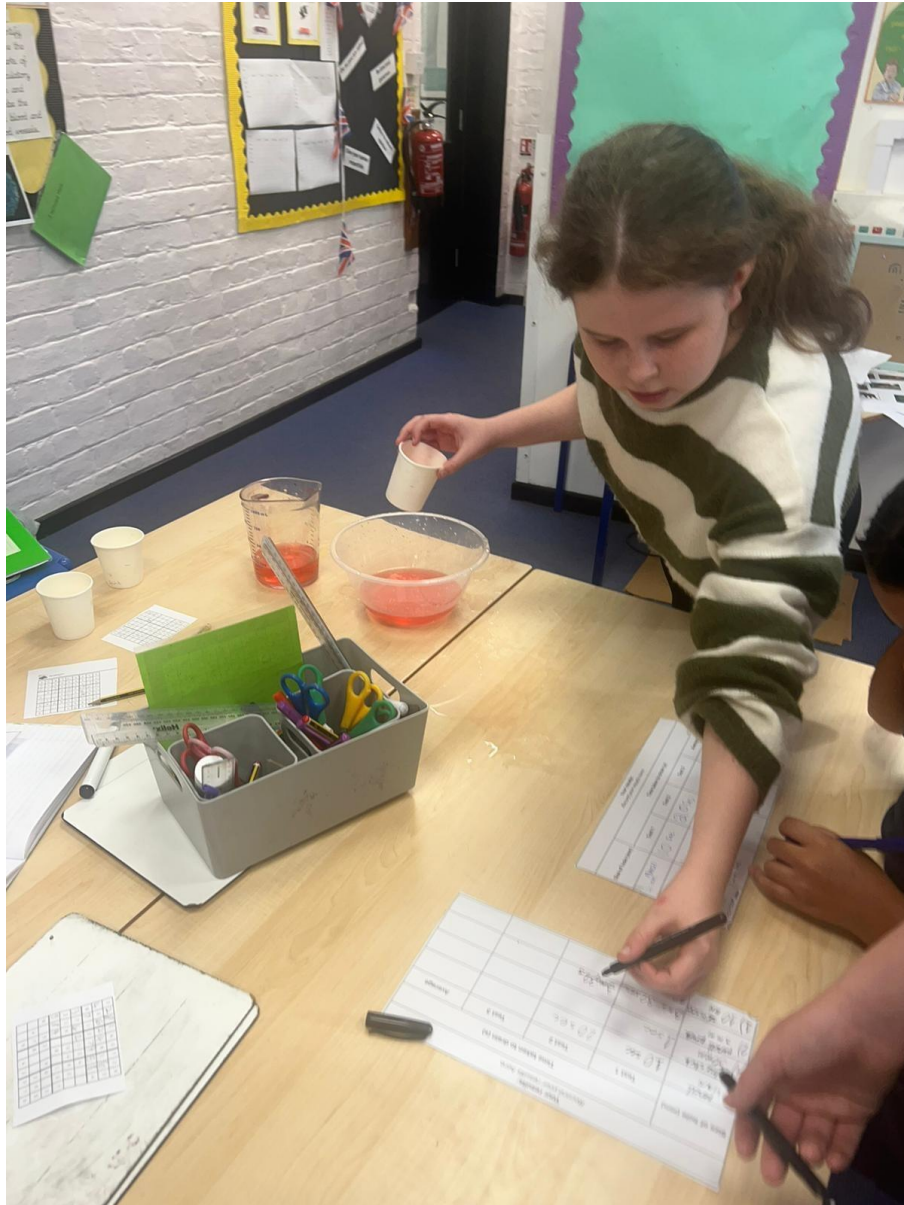


YEAR 6 - MEDICAL INVESTIGATIONS

Year 6 have had an exciting morning conducting experiments. We have been investigating the speed of blood flow through arteries and veins and considering the factors of lifestyle which could hinder this. The children used red dye to simulate blood and measured the speed it flowed through different sized holes. It got a little messy at times but was a really interesting way to look at what is going on inside our bodies all the time.

Mrs Davies would be really keen to hear from any medical professionals who may be able to come and speak to the children about, blood, the heart and circulation.









PARENT GOVERNOR

We are delighted to say that, following the invite for nominations for our current Parent Governor vacancy, there has been a good response and we have two candidates for this one vacancy.

Therefore, this means we must now hold a ballot. Votes are to be placed on the following form:

<https://schoolforms.uk/T/FMLDgWO4Qno0SjoyA8>.

Each parent of the school can vote for one candidate only.

VOTING WILL CLOSE ON THURSDAY 30th NOVEMBER, BY THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY.

Following the closing date, the digital votes will be counted and a simple majority of votes cast will decide the election. In the event of a tie, lots will be drawn.

This appointment is made by you as parents. It is your opportunity to have a voice on the governing body of the school your children attend so please make sure you use your vote.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Walker

Chair to the Governors

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

JARROD CHRISTIAN

I am the father of Luke (Year 6), Sophie (Year 4) and Ollie (Reception) and have been a part of the Upton family for the past four years since moving to Upton.

I am no stranger to being a school governor having previously been a school governor in Reading. During this time, I sat on a number of committees including the finance committee.

Professionally I am a director at an audit, accounting and advisory firm with extensive finance experience including school finances and accounting.

I look forward to an opportunity to add value to the schools governing body as a parent member.

HEIDI SULLINS

My name is Heidi Sullins and my son, Jude is in Year 1. Since becoming a Mum, I have joined all of you other parents/guardians/carers out there on this chaotic, wonderful, emotional rollercoaster of raising a child in an ever changing and challenging world. For me this journey could have been much harder if I was not safe in the knowledge that as soon as Mrs Dodd waves him on through those gates with a smile that he is in the best hands for the rest of the day!

I have a historic interest in Upton Primary as I went there myself many many years ago! I love the school run reminding me of this as I see my former schoolmates also dropping their kids off to the same place some 30 years later.

I have been very impressed by the care and education that Jude has received in the last 18 months. The school is small, yet mighty in what it achieves for the students and the involvement with the local community. I am passionate about ensuring that our children are given the absolute best start to their school careers and believe that as a Governor I could offer a wealth of life experience and local knowledge to support the school in being the best it can be for all of our children. I am beyond grateful that we live in a small, rural and supportive community and am excited at the opportunity to be involved with the school at this level, as I believe the kids should be at the heart of the community and supported to thrive.

The opportunity to be involved in moulding realistic, achievable, fair and strong aims and objectives for the school and monitoring the progress of them would be something that I would take very seriously and with enthusiasm.

I am approachable and strongly support fairness, inclusion and diversity, which is a large part of my professional career within the Civil Service. I have integrity, compassion and empathy, work well with others, and ensure that every voice and opinion is heard.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK



COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Grace Kelly Childhood Cancer Trust we have launched a Christmas raffle, <https://www.gkcct.org/christmas-raffle/with> the first prize being £500 cash!





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Contact Erin for more information
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Organised by the Stanley Castle & Upper Cricket Club.



King's Worcester



18th December 2023
to
5th January 2024

Christmas Holiday Clubs

Holiday clubs for children in Reception to Year 8

Please scan here:



www.ksw.org.uk/Christmas2023





